

Therefore, Applicant submits that the Chang reference and the present application are subject to a common obligation of assignment, as further discussed below.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

REMARKS

Claims 22-24 are all the claims pending in the application.

Pursuant to the telephonic discussion between Examiner Pham and the undersigned Applicant's representative, Applicant submits that Chang (Reel 009107, Frame 0321, Date recorded 4/1/1998) has a common assignee with the current application (Reel 010478, Frame 0896, Date recorded 12/10/1999) and the subject matter of Chang and the claimed invention were subject to a common obligation of assignment pursuant to MPEP 706.02(1)(2) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). This demonstration of common obligation of assignment would remove Chang as a reference and would overcome an obviousness rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Applicant believes that no fees are required since this Supplemental Response is submitted pursuant to a request by the Examiner. In the event a fee is necessary, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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